

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2001, 8:30 P.M.
ROOM 416, STATE CAPITOL**

Members Present: Sen. Bill Wright, Chair
Sen. Carlene Walker
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Chris Buttars
Sen. Michael Waddoups
Sen. David Steele
Sen. David Gladwell
Sen. Ron Allen
Sen. Pete Suazo

Members Excused: Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. David Gladwell

Staff Present: Wayne Lewis, Legislative Analyst
Jim Wilson, General Counsel
Karen Allred, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Dan Maybe, Director, State International Office
John Zwang, Interpreter
Joan Patterson, Curriculum Coordinator, Utah State Office of Education
Egan Gunnarson, Intern, Student
Dave Buhler, Associate Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education
Doug Chabries, Dean, College of Engineering and Technology
Richard Nelson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Utah Information Technology Association
Jerry Stringfellow, Dean of Engineering, University of Utah
Lynne Ward, Director, Governors Office of Planning and Budget
Phyllis Sorensen, President, Utah Education Association
Steve Laing, Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education

Visitors list on file

Committee Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Waddoups made a motion to approve the minutes of January 29, 2001.

The motion passed unanimously.

1. S.B. 57 Instruction in Mandarin Chinese in Public Schools (H. Stephenson)

Sen. Stephenson presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson made a motion to adopt the following amendments:

1. Page 1, Line 7: After "**Education**" insert "**and the State Board of Regents**"
2. Page 1, Line 25: After "Education" insert "and the State Board of Regents"
3. Page 2, Line 31: After "(2)" delete "shall" and insert "may"

The motion passed unanimously.

Dan Maybe, Director, State International Office; John Zwang, Interpreter; Joan Patterson, Curriculum Coordinator, USOE; and Egan Gunnarson, student, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson made a motion to pass the bill out favorably, as amended.

The motion passed, with Sens. Wright, Stephenson, Butters, Steele, Allen, and Suazo voting in favor of the bill, and Sens. Walker and Waddoups voting against the bill.

2. **S.B. 61 Enhancements to the State Systems of Public and Higher Education**
(L. Hillyard)

Sen. Hillyard explained the bill.

Dave Buhler, Associate Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education; Doug Chabries, Dean, B.Y.U. College of Engineering and Technology; Richard Nelson, President and CEO, Utah Information Technology Association; Jerry Stringfellow, Dean of Engineering, University of Utah; Lynne Ward, Director, Governors Office of Planning and Budget; Phyllis Sorensen, President, UEA; and Steve Laing, Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Walker made a motion to hold the bill.

The motion passed unanimously, with Sens. Allen and Suazo absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Walker made a motion to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously at 9:55 a.m., with Sens. Allen and Suazo absent for the vote.

Sen. Bill Wright, Committee Chair